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Introduced by Assembly Member Torlakson

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An act to add Article 15.1 (commencing with Section 51875) to Chapter 5 of Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to education technology.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2019, as amended, Torlakson. Education: education technology.

Existing law establishes various programs to enhance education technology, including the California Technology Assistance Project, which is composed of regional consortia that work collaboratively with school districts and county offices of education to meet locally defined educational needs that can be effectively addressed with the use of technology, as specified.

This bill would authorize the Superintendent of Public Instruction to establish a task force for education technology, funded by private donations, for the purpose of making recommendations to increase and enhance the level of technology used to deliver instruction in California public schools. The task force would consist of no more than 15 education technology experts, including, but not necessarily limited to, parents, current credentialed teachers, administrators, school board members, researchers, and industry representatives, as specified.

This bill would require the task force to address specified topics to be presented to the state board *and the Legislature* on or before September 1, 2012, and require the state board to adopt a comprehensive statewide plan to increase and enhance the level of technology used to deliver instruction in California public schools technology literacy model content standards, pursuant to the recommendations of the task force, on or before January 1, 2013. *The bill would provide that the report to the Legislature be in a specified form. This provision would be inoperative on September 1, 2016.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 15.1 (commencing with Section 51875)
2 is added to Chapter 5 of Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the
3 Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 15.1. Education Technology Task Force
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7 51875. (a) The Superintendent has authority to convene a task
8 force for education technology. The task force shall develop
9 recommendations for a comprehensive statewide plan to increase
10 and enhance the level of technology used to deliver instruction in
11 California public schools. The operations of the task force shall
12 be funded by private donations.

13 (b) The membership of the task force shall consist of no more
14 than 15 education technology experts, including, but not necessarily
15 limited to, parents, current credentialed teachers, administrators,
16 school board members, researchers, and industry representatives.
17 Current credentialed teachers shall comprise a majority of the task
18 force. The task force shall include at least one member from a
19 large school district, at least one member from a medium-sized
20 school district, and at least one member from a small school
21 district. The members representing these various sizes of school
22 districts may be any combination of parents, teachers,
23 administrators, or school board members.

24 51875.1. The task force shall address all of the following as
25 part of its recommendations, to be presented to the state board *and*
26 *the Legislature* on or before September 1, 2012, for a

1 comprehensive statewide plan to increase and enhance the level
2 of technology used to deliver instruction in California public
3 schools, *and to the extent feasible, shall consider previously*
4 *developed state technology plans, including, but not limited to, a*
5 *plan developed pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*
6 *(20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.) and Chapter 830 of the Statutes of*
7 *1999:*

8 (a) Professional development based on a study of existing
9 industry models for professional development in technology and
10 existing school professional development programs. The task force
11 shall provide recommendations for the improvement of school
12 technology in professional development.

13 (b) Electronic learning resources and instructional materials,
14 based on a study of trends in long-term compatibility of resources
15 and hardware and best practices in the use of electronic resources.
16 The task force also shall develop plans for long-term compatibility
17 of resources and hardware.

18 (c) Hardware, with an emphasis on long-term compatibility
19 between hardware and software systems and intersystem
20 compatibility. The task force also shall address extended life cycle
21 plans to preclude the premature obsolescence of equipment.

22 (d) Telecommunications infrastructure, based on a study of
23 industry standards for wireless interoperability. The task force also
24 shall recommend adoption of a standard for telecommunications
25 infrastructure for schools.

26 (e) Funding, based on an assessment of various funding models.
27 The task force also shall make recommendations on methods of
28 providing reasonable levels of funding for technology in schools
29 on a continuing basis.

30 (f) (1) *The requirement for submitting a report imposed under*
31 *this section is inoperative on September 1, 2016, pursuant to*
32 *Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.*

33 (2) *A report to be submitted pursuant to this section shall be*
34 *submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government*
35 *Code.*

36 51875.2. The state board shall adopt a comprehensive statewide
37 plan to increase and enhance the level of technology used to deliver
38 instruction in California public schools, pursuant to the
39 recommendations of the task force, on or before January 1, 2013.

1 51875.3. The department is authorized to accept private
2 donations to support the expenses incurred in operating the task
3 force pursuant to this article.

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